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Indie Comics Magazine offers 8 complete stories and 64 pages of content from cutting-edge indy creators in each issue, launching with material by *Tom Kelly* and *Tim Vigil*, among others. (Mar-May)

Abstract

Terry Moore brings his award-winning series to a dramatic conclusion in ***Terry Moore's Echo #30*** as Julie & Annie fight their way through an army to stop the Phi Super-Collider from destroying the earth. (Apr)

Amaze Ink

Mike White presents the offbeat tale of a four-year old girl and her potbellied pig in ***Amity Blamity Book 1.*** (Apr)

Antarctic

Brian Keene, Ben Dunn, & Joseph Wight continue the ***Last Zombie*** saga in ***The Last Zombie: Inferno,*** a new five-parter that picks up where the original series left off. (Apr-May)

Fred Perry, Ben Dunn, and other creators offer zombified versions of fairy tale faves in ***Zombie Fairy Tales.*** (Apr)

Ape

Dreamworks' CGI hit comes to comics with the release of ***Kung Fu Panda #1.*** (May)

Richie Rich is back in an all-new series—but there's a twist. This time, Rich leads and finances a group of international adventurers as they investigate one mysterious case after another. (May)

Archaia

How does society survive after every oil well on the planet runs dry? *Mike Kennedy* and various artists answer that question in ***Bleedout.*** (Apr)

In her 30 years on earth, Amelia Johnson has touched many lives with her compassion, intelligence and spirit. Now, at the end of a yearlong battle with cancer, she asks her two closest friends to take her final messages to the people who have touched her life the most. Their experiences are the focus of *Andrew Roslan, Kate Kasenow, & Dave Valeza's* original graphic novel ***An Elegy for Amelia Johnson.*** (Mar)

Fresh from their appearance in Archaia's ***Fraggle Rock*** hardcover, ***The Scrumps*** get their own all-ages oneshot courtesy of *Jason Chandler.* (Mar)

Archie

Archie and friends head south of the equator in ***Archie #621's*** "The lost Land," a multi-part adventure tale that takes the Riverdale gang into dinosaur territory. (May)

The videogame hit ***Mega Man*** comes to comics this spring—and if anyone knows how to translate all-ages videogames to comics, it's those ***Sonic***-masters at Archie! (Apr-May)

Ardden

Michael begins to learn about the nature of the Fringe from the late Matthew Dunsinane in ***The Grim Ghost #1***—and along the way, we learn about the Ghost's history, which spans all the way back to the Revolutionary War! (Mar-May)

Ed Tyler isn't sure how or why he came to be the target of alien captors, whom he battles with the aid of his alien-technology power suit. And each time they kill him, he comes back more powerful than before! Find out just what's going on in ***Phoenix***, an Atlas Comics relaunch. (Mar-May)

Atlas Comics' barbaric Wulf is back in action—but not in his own era! Instead, he finds himself transported to present-day New York City in ***Wulf,*** a new series by *Steve Niles & Nat Jones.* (Mar-May)

Aspen

An out-of-luck stage magician becomes the nexus for real magic from another dimension in ***Charismagic,*** an ongoing series by *Vince Hernandez, Khary Randolph, & Emilio Lopez.* (Mar-May

Michael Turner's signature creation returns in ***Fathom V4 #1*** by *Scott Lobdell, Alex Konat, & Beth Sotelo*—and her first course of action is dealing with the ramifications of the Blue and Black's exposure to the rest of the world. (May)

The magic has returned... but the light has gone dark in ***Soulfire V3 #1,*** a new series by *J.T. Krul, Jason Fabok, & John Starr.* And that's bad news, since the evil Onyx is fully powered and on her way to conquer Anantia, complete with a horrid army! (Apr-May)

Avatar

David Lapham takes readers back to ancient rome in ***Caligula,*** a tale of depravity and terror revolving around one of history's most notorious figures. (Mar-May)

Mike Wolfer offers an all-new tale of zombie mayhem in ***Night of the Living Dead 2011 Annual.*** (Apr)

Asylum

As if river pirates weren't menacing enough, a former Barbary Wars captain must also deal with the New Madrid Earthquake as he strives to rescue the women he loves in ***Black Powder #1.*** (Apr)

Azure

If any title says it all, this is the one: ***Ninjas Vs. Zombies #1.*** (May)

Bluewater

Bluewater jumps into the classics adaptations game with ***Anne of Green Gables,*** a 96-page adaptation of the acclaimed novel. (May)

Bluewater continues its line of comic book biographies with ***Fame*** oneshots spotlighting such celebrities as *Britney Spears, Justin Bieber, The Cast of* ***Glee,*** *Vincent Price, Ryan Reynolds,* and *Taylor Swift;* ***Female Force*** oneshots focusing on *Ayn Rand, Ruth Handler,* and *Kathy Griffin;* and ***Orbit*** oneshots starring literary figures such as *Stephen King.* (Mar-May)

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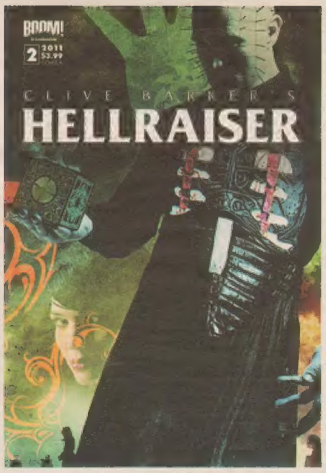
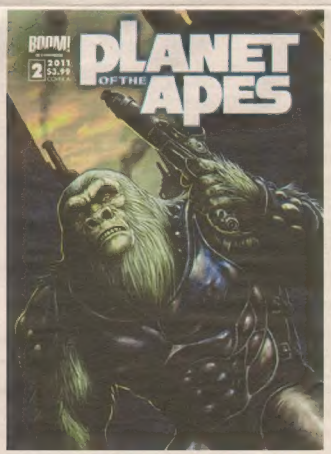


Boom

One of the most famous splatterpunk-horror franchises of the 20th century returns with the launch of ***Hellraiser,*** a new series co-written by best-selling author (and ***Hellraiser*** creator) *Clive Barker.* (Mar-May)

A terminal cancer patient discovers that his tumor is actually a mysterious parasite in ***Malignant Man #1.*** (Apr-May)

Those damn dirty apes are back in action in ***Planet of the Apes*** by *Daryl Gregory & Carlos Magno.* This all-new series takes place prior to the events of the legendary 1968 *Charlton Heston* film. (Apr-May)



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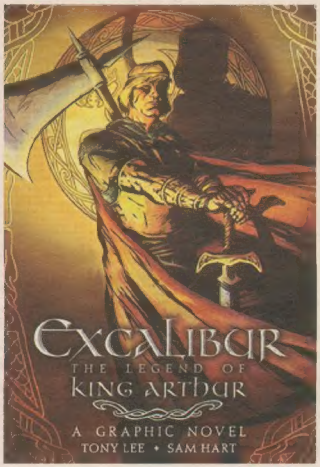
Campfire

Campfire's line of classics adaptations continues this spring with comic book retellings of ***Don Quixote, Gulliver's Travels, Kidnapped, King Solomon's Mines, The Wind and the Willows, Romeo and Juliet,*** and ***The Merchant of Venice.*** (Mar-May)



Candlewick

The Arthurian legend is retold in *Tony Lee & Sam Hart's* ***Excalibur,*** which follows Arthur Pendragon from childhood obscurity through his kingship, complete with its triumphs and tragedies. (Mar)

Com.X

Ross Mackintosh chronicles his father's decline and eventual passing from cancer in the touching and personal ***Seeds,*** a graphic novel that combines humor, sorrow, and insight. (Apr)

Dark Horse

Six-year-old *Malachai Nicolle* and his thirty-year-old brother *Ethan Nicolle* turn their ***Axe Cop*** webcomic into an original miniseries with the release of ***Axe Cop: Bad Guy Earth #1.*** (Mar-May)

Three years after accidently burning her family alive, 14-year-old firestarter Liz Sherman travels with Professor Broom to investigate a small New England town, where a terrible witch hunt occurred and a ghost plagues a priest's house in ***BPRD: The Dead Remembered #1,*** the debut issue of a three-parter by *Mike Mignola, Scott Allie, Karl Moline & Andy Owens.* (Apr-May)

Dark Horse Presents returns in April as an eighty-page original anthology series—nd the contributors to the first issue include such comics legend as *Neal Adams, Howard Chaykin, Richard Corben, Paul Chadwick, Harlan Ellison, Frank Miller,* and more. (Apr-May)

Maurissa Tancharoen, Jed Whedon, & Cliff Richards present the comic book debut of *Joss Whedon's* ***Dollhouse*** in the oneshot ***Dollhouse: Epitaphs,*** a oneshot that serves as a great introduction to the upcoming comic book series. (Mar)

Felicia Day returns to her Internet and comics sensation with ***The Guild: Tink,*** spotlighting the Knights of Good's most mysterious member, Tinkerballa! (Mar)

A horrible witch and her zombie servant host a dinner party for a family of corpses, and Hellboy and Roger turn up to blast them all back to hell in ***Hellboy: Being Human,*** a team-up story by *Mike Mignola & Richard Corben* focusing on Roger's early days at the B.P.R.D. (May)

Mike Mignola joins forces with *Kevin Nowlan* for the oneshot ***Hellboy: Buster Oakley Gets Hish Wish.*** (Apr-May)

Bruce Jones & Rahsan Ekedal invite readers to experience the grim world of *Robert E. Howard's* Puritan hero in ***Solomon Kane: Red Shadows #1.*** (Apr-May)

Star Wars: The Clone Wars—The Starcrusher Trap, an original tale by *Mike W. Barr* and *Matt & Shawn Fillbach,* pits Yoda, Obi-Wan Kenobi, Mace Windu, and Ki-Adi Mundi against the menace of the enormous starships The Starcrusher. (May)

Twenty-one years before the events in Star Wars: Episode I The Phantom Menace, Jedi Master Qui-Gon Jinn is dispatched to prevent the outbreak of a civil war on the homeworld of his Padawan Xanatos—whose father is king. It is a mission that will lead Qui-Gon into close contact with the dark side and start him on a quest that will have a major impact on the future of the Jedi Order—and that contact is te focus of ***Star Wars: Jedi—The Dark Side,*** a five-part miniseries by *Scott Allie & Mahmud Asrar. (May)*

Cole Haddon & M.S. Corley blend the classic tale of Dr. Jekyll and Mister Hyde and the horrors of the real-world Jack the Ripper in ***The Strange Case of Mr. Hyde,*** a four-part limited series that finds a Scotland Yard inspector drawing on the twisted expertise of Mr. Hyde in order to capture Jack the Ripper. (Apr-May)

DC

Superman returns to the title where he first appeared in ***Action Comics #900,*** a 100-page celebratory issue. In the lead story, everything *Paul Cornell & Pete Woods* have been building to over the last year culminates here in the ultimate Superman vs. Lex Luthor battle! (Apr) Then "Reign of Doomsday" continues in *Paul Cornell & Kenneth Rocafort's* ***Action Comics #901.*** (May)

BATMAN: ARKHAM CITY

In the five-part ***Batman: Arkham City,*** *Paul Dini & Carlos D'Anda* bridge the gap between the videogame ***Batman: Arkham Asylum*** and its upcoming sequel. (May)

When a mystery as old as Gotham City itself surfaces, Batman assembles a team of his greatest detectives – including Red Robin, Owlman, I-Ching and others – to investigate this startling enigma in ***Batman: Gates of Gotham,*** a six-part miniseries by *Scott Snyder, Kyle Higgins, & Trevor McCarthy.* This miniseries, which spins out of recent events in the Batman titles, sets the stage for several storylines in 2011 while simultaneously touching upon story elements introduced in *Grant Morrison's* ***Return of Bruce Wayne.*** (May)

In the long-awaited ***Batwoman #1,*** *J.H. Williams III & W. Haden Blackman* launch the 5-part "Hydrology." Batwoman faces bizarre new challenges in her war against the dark underworld of Gotham and new trials in her personal life as Kate Kane. She quickly finds herself in the deep end facing truths about her past and her future. (Apr-May)

Dan Jurgens returns to ***Booster Gold*** with #44, a ***Flashpoint*** prelude that picks up after the events of ***Time Masters*** as Booster find that this world isn't the same as the one he left behind. (May)

Brightest Day comes to a conclusion with April's #23 & #24. In the penultimate issue, the mystery of the heroes' return and the secrets of the white forest are revealed! Plus, Captain Boomerang draws closer to completing his mission! And at last, it's Firestorm vs. Deadman! Then, in the finale, a new age for the DC Universe begins! (Apr)

The road to ***Flashpoint*** is paved with good intentions, but the Flash is about to learn the truth behind those good intentions — and the secret of Hot Pursuit—in *Geoff Johns & Francis Manapul's* ***Flash #s 11-13,*** which lead directly into the upcoming ***Flashpoint #1.*** (Mar-May)

And speaking of ***Flashpoint #1***—if there's any book you *don't* want to miss

this spring, this is the one. *Geoff Johns & Andy Kubert* present Barry Allen—and readers—with a timeline in which the superheroes of the DC Universe never came to be. It's a world on the brink of a cataclysmic war—but where are Earth's Greatest Heroes to stop it? It's a place where America's last hope is Cyborg, who hopes to gather the forces of The Outsider, The Secret 7, S!H!A!Z!A!M!, Citizen Cold, and other new and familiar-yet-altered faces! It's a world that could be running out of time, if The Flash can't find the villain who altered the time line! (May)

Jeff Lemire & Mahmud Asrar present the conclusion to Ray Palmer's acclaimed story "Nucleus" in ***Giant-Size Atom #1,*** which also guest-stars Hawkman and Oracle. (Mar)

Geoff Johns, Doug Mahnke, & Christian Alamy kick off "War of the Green Lanterns" in ***Green Lantern #64***—and this is the blockbuster event that'll burn into the summer, continuing into ***Green Lantern Corps*** and ***Green Lantern: Emerald Warriors.*** (Mar-May)

DC gears up for the upcoming ***Green Lantern*** feature film with five prequel oneshots: ***Green Lantern Movie Prequel: Sinestro*** by *Geoff Johns, Michael Goldenberg, Fernando Dagnino;* ***Green Lantern Movie Prequel: Kilowog*** by *Peter Tomasi, Adam Schlagman, Joe Bennett, & Fabrizio Fiorentino;* ***Green Lantern Movie Prequel: Abin Sur*** by *Michael Green & Karl Kerschl;* ***Green Lantern Movie Prequel: Tomar-Re*** by *Marc Guggenheim & Cliff Richards;* and ***Green Lantern Movie Prequel: Hal Jordan*** by *Geoff Johns, Greg Berlanti, Donald De Line, & Jerry Ordway.* Each oneshot will feature a movie cover. (May)

William Harms & Eric Nguyen launch a limited series based on the smash PlayStation 3 videogame with the release of ***inFamous #1.*** (Mar-May)

The previously published installments of the Jimmy Olsen serial are combined with an unseen thirty-page conclusion in *Nick Spencer & R.B. Silva's* ***Jimmy Olsen #1,*** an 80-page oneshot. (Mar)

In ***JLA 80-Page Giant 2011 #1,*** *Adam Glass,* producer/writer for TV's Supernatural, joins an array of talents to present key battles between the World's Greatest Heroes and mystical, hellish beings, including the Demon, Zatanna - and an object that could blackened the heroes' very souls. (Apr)

The year-long run of ***Justice League: Generation Lost*** comes to a dramatic conclusion in April. In #23, Wonder woman and the JLI find themselves face-to-face with the ultimate weapon Maxwell Lord has been planning from the very beginning. And in the extra-sized issue #24, the final battle is here! But who will be the victor? (Apr)

Marc Guggenheim, Howard Chaykin, and others offer an extra-length spectacular in ***Justice Society of America #50.*** The team must explore a bizarre and fantastic underworld found beneath Monument Point . . . with the help of the one and only Challengers of the Unknown! (Apr)

The 31st century team of psychopaths returns in ***Legion of Super-Villains #1*** by *Paul Levitz & Francis Portela.* Now led by Saturn Queen, they break out of the prison world Takron-Galtos to wreak havoc on the United Planets. This oneshot sets up a major 2011 storyline that no Legion fan will want to miss! (Mar)

Red Robin #22 kicks off a three-part crossover that continues in ***Gotham City Sirens #22*** and concludes in ***Batman #709.*** It begins as Gotham City faces final judgment as the Angels of Death seek to spare the city by finding one person who is without sin. (Apr)

Virgil Ovid Hawkins returns to his superhero guise as ***Static Shock*** rejoins the DC lineup courtesy of *Felicia Henderson, Scott McDaniel, and Jonathan Glapion.* First thing he has to figure out, though, is why did he lose his powers? (Ma6)

"Reign of Doomsday" continues in ***Superman/Batman Annual #5*** by *James Robinson & Miguel Sepulveda* as Supergirl and Batman are trapped aboard the Justice League satellite with Cyborg Superman and Doomsday — and both villains want to tear them limb from limb!

From there, the story continues into *Jeff Lemire & Marco Rudy's* ***Superboy #6.*** How will the Kid of Steel defeat the monster that managed to kill the Man of Steel? (Apr)

Get ready for the first-ever Superboy-Kid Flash race in ***Superboy #5*** by *Jeff Lemire & Pier Gallo.* (Mar)

The immortal David Kim – kept "alive" by nanotech enhancements – returns to the DC Universe in the ongoing ***Xombi*** by *John Rozum & Frazer Irving.* (Mar-May)

Vertigo/DC

In ***99 Days HC,*** an original graphic novel by *Matteo Casali & Kristian Donaldson,* a Rwandan refugee turned LAPD rookie homicide detective discovers that his past has come back to haunt him when a serial killer starts stalking the African-American residents of LA. (May)

Novelist *Gary Phillips,* author of the Ivan Monk tales, joins with artist *Brian Hurtt* to present ***Cowboys HC,*** an original graphic novel about violence and race in modern society. ***Cowboys*** revolves around a racially motivated police shooting of Deke Kotto, a young African American man, by Tim Brady, a white undercover cop, inside a swanky club frequented by hip-hop stars, gangsters, Hollywood celebs and the drug kingpins that finance the whole operation. But the victim is actually an undercover officer on the trail of the gangsters, caught in the wrong place at the wrong time. (May)

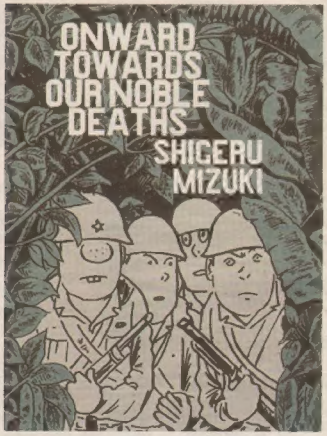
Gilbert Hernandez is the guest artist for *Chris Roberson's* ***iZombie #12,*** a tale that features Lovecraftian creatures from beyond space and time, monster-hunting gunslingers of the Old West, and more. (Apr)

Vertigo premieres a new original science fiction anthology in May with the release of ***Strange Adventures #1.*** The lead feature of this eighty-page collection is the first chapter of the new series ***Spaceman*** by *Brian Azzarello & Eduardo Risso,* the acclaimed creators of ***100 Bullets.*** Other contributors include *Scott Snyder, Peter Milligan, Jeff Lemire, Kevin Colden,* and *Paul Pope.* (May)

Jeff Lemire invites several friends to visit his world of ***Sweet Tooth*** for the 19th issue. *Matt Kindt, Nate Powell, & Emi Lenox* contribute stories for this very special standalone issue. (Mar)

Drawn & Quarterly

Zach Worton chronicles the challenges of Canada's gold rush in ***Klondike,*** an original graphic novel set during a defining period in the history of Canada's Great North. (Mar)



Onwards Towards Our Noble Deaths presents *Shigeru Mizuki's* semi-autobiographical account of the desperate final weeks of a Japanese infantry unit at the end of WWII. (Apr)

Chester Brown offers an intensely personal look at his long-running involvement with ladies of the evening in ***Paying for It,*** an original graphic novel that shows the world of prostitution from the point of view of a john who is convinced that the world's oldest profession is also one of the most necessary. (May)

Pascal Girard discovers the disappointment inherent in his tenth high school reunion in ***Reunion.*** (Apr)

Dynamite

True Blood creator *Charlaine Harris* is also the author of the Harper Connelly series, starring a woman who can see a dead person's last moments through their eyes—and you can see Harper in action in ***Charlaine Harris's Grave Sight Part One,*** the kickoff of a three-part series. (May)

Joshua Dysart & George Edison tell the bizarre story of a boy who is half man, half corn in ***Cornboy.*** (Maybe he can join the army and become a kernel!) (Mar)

Andy Hartnell & J. Scott Campbell join with artist *Chris Bolson* to bring back Abbey and her friends in ***Danger Girl and the Army of Darkness,*** a six-part series that teams the heroines with Ash in a quest to track down the Book of the Dead. (Apr-May)

The *Seth Rogen* film is the inspiration for ***The Green Hornet: Aftermath,*** an ongoing series that picks up where the movie left off. (Apr-May)

Dynamite's metaphysical warrior Eva joins forces with ***Hack/Slash's*** Cassie Hack in ***Hack/Slash & Eva: Monster's Ball,*** a four-part crossover series by *Brandon Jerwa & Cezar Razek.* (May)

The incomparable *Jack Kirby* created scores of heroes in addition to his well-known Marvel and DC characters—and many of those creations will play a major role in ***Kirby: Genesis,*** a new cosmic series by the superstar team of *Kurt Busiek & Alex Ross* with *Jackson Herbert.* The series kicks off this spring with a bargain-priced zero issue, leading into the regular series this summer. (May)

The hero of the old West has been murdered, and it's up to the Lone Ranger to find his killers, avenge his death, and complete his final mission in ***The Lone Ranger & Zorro: The Death of Zorro,*** a limited series by *Ande Parks & Esteve Pols.* (Mar-May)

The 1990 SF film based on a *Philip K. Dick* novel is the inspiration for Dynamite's sequel series ***Total Recall.*** (May)

When an ancient prophecy of doom is uncovered and it appears that Vampirella's very existence may be triggering some of the evil, it's up to the Scarlet Legion to save the world in ***Vampirella and the Scarlet Legion #1,*** written by *Joe Harris.* (May)

Arvid Nelson offers a look at the pre-John Carter exploits of the Martian princess in ***Warlord of Mars: Dejah Thoris.*** (Mar-May)

Fantagraphics

Dave McKean returns to comics with ***Celluloid,*** his first original graphic novel since his complex ***Cages.*** (May)

Fantagraphics launches a landmark reprint series with ***Walt Disney's Mickey mouse Volume 1: Race to Death Valley,*** the beginning of a comprehensive reprinting of *Floyd Gottfredson's* epic comic strip run. (Apr)

Farrar, Straus, & Giroux

Two of *Ray Bradbury's* most famous works—***The Martian Chronicles*** and ***Something Wicked This Way Comes***—are interpreted in graphic novel form this spring in fully authorized adaptations from the same company responsible for the acclaimed adaptation of ***Fahrenheit 451.*** (May)

First Second

Anya is so desperate for a real friend that she strikes up a camaraderie with a ghost in ***Anya's Ghost,*** a graphic novel by *Vera Brosgol.* (May)

Preparing for astronaut duty is tough enough without such problems as a robot doppelganger, as Hakata Soy soon learns in *Dave Roman's* ***Astronaut Academy: Zero Gravity.*** (May)

His parents want him to become a doctor, but Dennis just wants to play videogames. It's up to four angels to help him find his own future in ***Level Up!,*** a graphic novel by *Gene Luen Yang & Thien Pham.* (May)

Hermes

Mike Bullock's popular all-ages fantasy finds a new home for the release of ***Lions, Tigers, & Bears Volume 3.*** (May)

IDW

What's better: an ugly reality or beautiful fantasy? This is the question the Doctor is forced to confront in ***Doctor Who: A Fairytale Life #1*** by *Matt Sturges & Kelly Yates.*

IDW lays the groundwork for the COBRA Civil War in ***G.I. Joe: COBRA Civil War #0.*** (Apr) Then the Civil War begins in earnest in ***COBRA #1*** by *Mike Costa & Antonio Fuso.* COBRA Commander is dead... and now there are nine candidates to replace him! (May)

G.I. Joe relaunches this spring courtesy of *Chuck Dixon & Javier Saltares;* the first issue ties into the COBRA Civil War storyline as the Joes become targets for those competing to become COBRA Commander. (May)

Godzilla is terrorizing the world once again, with the assistance of *Eric Powell, Tracy Marsh, & Phil Hester,* in ***Godzilla: Monster World.*** (Mar-May)

Dave Stevens' famous creation rockets into action once again in ***The Rocketeer,*** a four-part limited series featuring original tales by *Mike Allred, Kurt Busiek, John Cassaday, Mike Kaluta, Mike Mignola, Jim Silke,* and others—and it's all produced in full cooperation with the Stevens family! (May)

The deadliest Joe of all gets his own series when *Chuck Dixon, Robert Atkins, & Augustin Padilla* launch ***Snake Eyes #1.*** (May)

IDW is contemplating Suicide this spring—***Suicide Girls,*** that is. The four-issue limited series by *Brea Grant & David Hahn* combines beautiful girls, tattoos, burlesque, and butt-kicking in a high-impact adventure. (Mar-May)

Beau Smith & Enrique Villagran bring the ever-popular Wynonna Earp back into action in ***Wynonna Earp: The Yeti Wars,*** a four-part limited series. (May)

Zombies Vs. Robots returns, courtesy of *Chris Ryall & Mark Torres,* in ***Zombies Vs. Robots: Undercity #1.*** The Infestation may be over, but the zombies still remain, which is why the robots are forced to head underground. (Apr)

Image

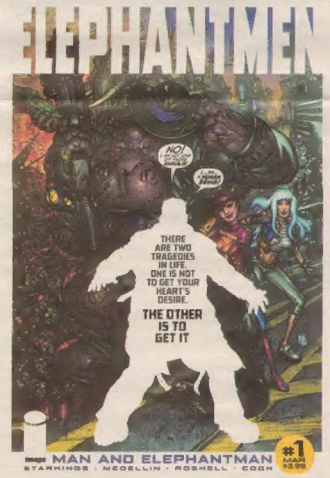
Mark Kidwell, Nat Jones, Tim Vigil, & Jay Fotos take readers back to Vietnam for the latest battle in the zombie conflict in ***'68 #1,*** the kickoff of a four-part limited series. (Apr)

Bomb Queen to London to kill the Queen of England in *Jimmie Robinson's* ***Bomb Queen All-Girl Special.*** But Madame Queen has a few super-heroine tricks up her sleeve, too... (Mar)

Jim Starlin ***Breeds*** again with the launch of ***Breed III,*** a seven-part series that follows Ray Stoner as he is forced to come to terms with what he is: a monster. He returns to the mystical city Elsewhere and discovers much has changed. (May)

Joe Casey & Mike Huddleston tell the tale of a one-time top-of-the-heap superhero who'd like to return to his former glory... and he has one final shot at the prize in ***Butcher Baker, The Righteous Maker.*** (Mar)

An FBI agent is sent to investigate the sudden deaths of an entire gathering of santeria practitioners in ***Drums,*** a four-part limited series filled with voodoo... and zombies! (May)


ELEPHANTMEN
THERE ARE TWO TRAGEDIES IN LIFE. ONE IS NOT TO GET YOUR HEART'S DESIRE.
THE OTHER IS TO GET IT
MAN AND ELEPHANTMAN
#1

With the extra-length ***Elephantmen: Man and Elephantman,*** *Richard Starkings & Axel Medellin* offer new readers a perfect jumping-on point for Hip Flask's exploits. (Mar)

Where do the bad guys go to learn how to be so evil? To ***Gladstone's School for World Conquerors,*** that's where. Follow Kid Nefarious, Mummy Girl, Martian Jones, and others as they unearth the school's—and their parents'—hidden past in this series written by *Mark Andrew Smith.* (May)

The forgotten town of Green Wake, a string of grisly mutilations leads Morley Mack on the trail of a young woman who is the prime suspect in ***Green Wake,*** a five-part series by *Kurtis Wiebe & Riley Rossmo.* (Apr-May)

The music of the SoCal metal band The Kill Corps is the inspiration for ***The Kill Corps One-Shot*** by *Jim Krueger, Dennis Calero, & Ben Templesmith.* (Mar)

When a down-and-out criminal takes on a hit contract on a mayoral candidate, his life really takes a downhill turn in ***Last Mortal,*** a limited series by *John Mahoney, Filip Sablik, & Thomas Nachlik.* (May)

Michael Allred and an elite group of friends present an all-new Madman adventure and several short backup tales in the ***Madman All-New Giant Size Super-Ginchy Special.*** (Apr)

Ziggy Marley has created a comic book. Is it any surprise that said book is titled ***Marijuanaman?*** At least he's enlisted *Joe Casey & Jim Mahfood* to give it some comics cred! (Apr)

Sherlock Holmes is dead... but his adversary is alive and well in ***Moriarty,*** a new eires by *Daniel Corey & Anthony Diecidue.* When MI5 blackmails Moriarty into finding Holmes' lost brother Mycroft, he becomes involved in a mystery involving a psychic box, its creator, and a new villain who makes Moriarty seem like a nice guy! (May)

What happens when a super soldier program goes wrong, and its survivors refuse to follow orders? *Jeff Cahn, Salvador Navarro, & Ifansyah Noor* answer that question in ***Red Spike,*** a five-part limited series. (May)

Kids 'n' dinosaurs! *Robert Kirkman & Jason Howard* launch an exciting new all-ages series, ***Super Dinosaur,*** this spring, chronicling the adventures of Derek Dynamo and his saurian super-friend. (Apr) Then, a month later, they reveal the backstory of wonder lizard in ***Super Dinosaur Origin Special.*** (May)

Markosia

Rich Johnston, Gary Erskine, & Mike Collins offer a look at the lives of the UK's current favorite couple in ***Kate Middleton: A Very Private Princess, William Windsor: A Very Public Prince,*** and the volume that collects both books, ***Kate & William: A Very Public Love Story.*** (Apr)

Marvel

An era without X-Men? An era when mutants must create their own stronghold for their dying race? You'll find it all in ***Age of X Universe,*** a two-part series by *Simon Spurrier & Khoi Pham.* (Mar-Apr)

The Silver Surfer! Beta-Ray Bill! Gladiator! Quasar! Ronan! They're all here in ***Annihilators #1,*** a cosmic miniseries by *Dan Abnett, Andy Lanning, Tan Eng Huat, & Timothy Green II.* And if that's not enough Rocket Raccoon and Groot return for their own, new-reader-friendly backup adventure. (Mar-May)

When a top-secret orbital research station is dragged from the sky by an unknown alien force, Steve Rogers finds himself caught between two global superpowers on the brink of war in *Andy Diggle & Adi Granov's* ***Astonishing Captain America #1.*** (May)

The Young Allies guest-star in ***Avengers Academy Giant-Size #1*** by *Paul Tobin & David Baldeon.* (May)

Allan Heinberg teams up with legendary artist *Alan Davis* for ***Avengers: The Children's Crusade—Young Avengers #1,*** a

standalone tale that's the perfect jumping-on point for new readers. (Mar)

When an old friend's son falls in with gang violence, Sam Wilson must confront his past to save a boy's future -- but even a superhero can't save everyone. That won't stop him from trying, however, as you'll see in ***Captain America & Falcon #1*** by *Rob Williams & Rebekah Isaacs*. (Mar-May)

Steve Rogers' black ops femme fatales go on the hunt for a rogue assassin in ***Captain America and the Secret Avengers,*** a oneshot by *Kelly Sue DeConnick & Greg Tocchini* starring the Black Widow & Agent 13. (Mar)

Brian Clevinger & Gurihiru spotlight Captain America's Day One in the ***Captain America: Fighting Avenger*** oneshot. A ragtag Special Forces unit takes Captain America on his first mission of World War II. Their orders? Don't get him killed! But that becomes a real challenge when the low-profile assignment draws the attention of Baron Strucker, the future Red Skull and half the Nazi army. (Apr)

Fred Van Lente & Luke Ross present the official comics prequel to the upcoming ***Captain America*** film in ***Captain America: First Vengeance,*** a four-part limited series. (May)

Scott Summers takes on Batroc the Leaper (he's a busy bad boy this month, isn't he?) and the Circus of Crime in ***Cyclops #1,*** a oneshot by *Lee Black & Dean Haspiel*. (Mar)

Deadpool teams up with Deadpool (well… Deathwish) in ***Deadpool Annual #1,*** a *John Layman-Lee Garbett* tale that Marvel describes as "an alternate reality doppelganger extravaganza!" (May)

Deadpool, Lady Deadpool, Kidpool, Dogpool, and Headpool are back in ***Deadpool Family #1,*** a 48-page oneshot. (Apr)

Marvel launches its own line of Disney•Pixar comics with the 96-page ***Disney•Pixar Presents Cars Magazine #1.*** (May)

In the aftermath of ***Fantastic Four #587's*** fatality, *Jonathan Hickman & Steve Epting* embark on a new direction for Marvel First Family in ***Future Foundation #1,*** which features new members (including Spider-Man!), old friends, older enemies, and uneasy alliances. (Mar-May)

All the Red Skull's terrible secrets and plans are in the hands of his evil daughter, Sin, who's intent on outdoing her father in *Ed Brubaker & Scot Eaton's* ***Fear Itself: Prologue,*** which lays the groundwork for the seven-part series that will reshape the Marvel Universe. (Mar)

Matt Fraction & Stuart Immonen kick off Marvel's major event for 2011 in the pages of ***Fear Itself #1,*** the premiere issue of a seven-part series that will involve much of the Marvel Universe. It begins with a discovery made by Sin, the new Red Skull... a discovery that involves a secret destined to rock the foundations of the Marvel Universe. A revelation that will divide father and son, turn friend against friend, and herald the rise of Fear personified. *He is returning*... and the world has nothing to fear but ***Fear Itself.*** (Apr-May)

As ***Fear Itself*** sets in, Peter Parker has not slept in days. Abandoning his friends and family, Spider-Man cannot… *will not*… stop if there are people to be saved. But will Spidey have what it takes to fight his own doubts? *Christopher Yost & Mike McKone* answer that question in ***Fear Itself: Spider-Man #1.*** (May)

Witness how the events of ***Fear Itself*** affect secondary characters such as Speedball in ***Fear Itself: The Home Front,*** featuring material by *Christos Gage, Peter Milligan, Mike Mayhew, Elia Bonetti,* and others. (Apr-May)

The young heroes of ***Avengers: The Initiative*** find themselves joining forces with Firestar, Gravity, and others in ***Fear Itself: Youth in Revolt,*** a six-part tie-in series by *Sean McKeever & Mike Norton*. (May)

Welcome to 17th century Japan, a time and place of violent upheaval, wandering Ronin, and mysterious Geisha. Into this strange and dangerous world come Wolverine, Pyslocke, Punisher, Hulk and Deadpool. *Peter Milligan's* ***5 Ronin*** 5-part weekly miniseries presents five of Marvel's greatest heroes… as you've never seen them before. (Mar)

Brian Reed & Felix Ruiz chronicle the story of the early adventures of John-117 (the man who would someday become Master Chief) in ***Halo: Fall of Reach—Covenant #1,*** an adaptation of the novel by *Eric Nylund*. (Apr)

Kieron Gillen & Doug Braithwaite relaunch ***Journey Into Mystery*** with #622, a ***Fear Itself*** tie-in that explores the mysteries regarding Loki's return... and how that return might affect Thor. (Apr-May)

Nothing captures the holiday season quite like the walking dead—and that's where ***Marvel Zombies Christmas Carol,*** a five-part series written by *Jim McCann,* comes in. The fun begins when Ebenezer Scrooge is visited by the undead corpse of his old friend Jacob Marley on Christmas Eve... (May)

The Squadron Supreme succumb to the zombie virus in ***Marvel Zombies Supreme,*** a five-part limited series by *Frank Marrafino & Fernando Blanco*. (Mar-May)

Matt Fraction & Olivier Coipel launch a new chapter in the god of thunder's saga with the release of ***The Mighty Thor #1.*** Thor and Sif dive deep into the heart of the fractured World Tree to reclaim an artifact from beyond time and space, an artifact that attracts the attention of the Silver Surfer. And when a herald such as he arrives on Earth, the arrival of his master is certain to follow... (Apr-May)

Moon Knight is returning, courtesy of *Brian Bendis & Alex Maleev*—but you've never seen Moon Knight quite like this before! And you know these guys can deliver—after all, they had more than a little success with that Daredevil guy... (May)

Marvel kicks off its CrossGen revival with ***Sigil #1*** by *Mike Carey & Leonard Kirk* and ***Ruse #1*** by series creator *Mark Waid* with artist *Mirco Pierfederici*. (Mar-May)

Decode the miraculous designs of Leonardo Da Vinci. Devour the truths and reel with the lies of Isaac Newton. Puzzle at the perilous predictions of Nostradamus. Discover the Forever Machines of Nikola Tesla. It's all in the pages of ***S.H.I.E.L.D. Infinity***. *(Apr)*

The Son of Hulk sets his sights on the inner world of the Savage Land in ***Skaar; King of the Savage Land,*** a five-parter by

Rob Williams & Brian Ching. (Apr-May)

Spider-Man and the Punisher take on the Russian mob in ***Spectacular Spider-Man #1000*** by *John Ostrander & Michael Ryan.* (Apr)

The world of Super Hero Squad comes to life in the Super Hero Squad Online video game—and the world of the videogame comes to life in the ***Super Hero Squad Online Game: Hero Up*** comic based on a videogame based on a TV show based on comic books! (Apr)

Marvel presents an unpublished tale by *Fabian Nicieza & Derec Donovan* in ***Thunderbolts: From the Marvel Vault.*** (Apr)

The Death of Spider-Man? It's coming... and you'll get the first hints of what's coming in ***Ultimate Comics Spider-Man #155*** by *Brian Bendis & Chris Samnee.* Then the Ultimate Ultimate team reunites as *Mark Bagley* returns to the flagship Ultimate title that he and *Brian Bendis* launched a decade ago, as they begin the Death of Spider-Man saga in ***Ultimate Comics Spider-Man #156.*** (Mar-May)

The new Venom gets his own series, courtesy of *Rick Remender & Tony Moore.* In ***Venom #1,*** you'll meet the villain turned hero turned spy, and his new host, Flash Thompson! (Mar-May)

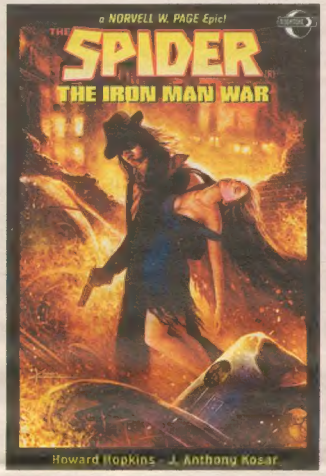
Something happened to Cyclops, Marvel Girl, Beast, Angel, Iceman and Professor X years ago, a secret so horrible that it has been locked away in the dark corner of Cyclops' mind until today. What crisis strikes in the present that calls upon memories of the past? Find out in ***X-Men Giant Size #1*** by *Christopher Yost & Paco Medina.* (May)

Paul Jenkins, Robert De La Torre, & Giuseppe Camuncoli kick off the X-Men Event of 2011 in ***X-Men: Prelude #s 1 & 2.*** What does it mean to be a leader? What does it do to a person? This mini-series delves into these issues and will give an X-Men reader what they need to know about their favorite mutants before everything changes in July. (May)

Moonstone

It's a busy season for Cassie Hack, as she crosses over with one of Moonstone's most eccentric series in ***Hack/Slash Meets Zombies Vs. Cheerleaders.*** (May)

A serial killer is terrorizing the city, and all clues indicate that the Spider is responsible. But when the Domino Lady tries to stop him, she learns that all is not as it seems in ***Phases of the Moon; Domino Lady/The Spider.*** From there, the story continues into ***Phases of the Moon: Honey West/Kolchak*** and ***Phases of the Moon: Sheena/Captain Action*** before the true identity of the killer is revealed. (May)



A classic *Norvell W. Page* pulp tale pitting the Spider against a power-armored adversary is adapted in ***The Spider: The Iron Man War.*** (Apr)

NBM

Jim Davis's famous fat cat comes to comics in ***Garfield & Company,*** a line of graphic novels based on the hit Cartoon Network series. (May)

Nemo

Straight from the pages of ***The Undersea Adventures of Cap'n Eli,*** Sea Ghost embarks on an adventure in an alien world locked in perpetual war in *Jay Piscopo's* ***Sea Ghost #1.***

Paul Power

Alex Toth's rarely seen 1950s comic strip is collected in ***Alex Toth's The Adventures of Jon Fury in Japan.*** (Apr)

Pigeon Press

Johnny Ryan is back with 120 full-pages strips featuring 120 twisted characters (including Judge Judy Dredd, Sherlock Homeless, and Metaliban) in ***New Characters Parade.*** (Mar)

Pop Sandbox

Paul Peterson, Jason Gilmore, & John Porcellino offer an insightful look at the reasons for suicide in ***The Next Day,*** a graphic novel based on interviews with survivors of suicide attempts. (May)

Radical

A hitman decides to give up his career after one final job—which inspires his former employer to put a bullet between his eyes. However, rather than killing him, the bullet gives the hitman the ability to communicate with the dead in ***Hollow Point,*** a six-part series by *David Hine & Elia Bonetti.* (May)

Red 5

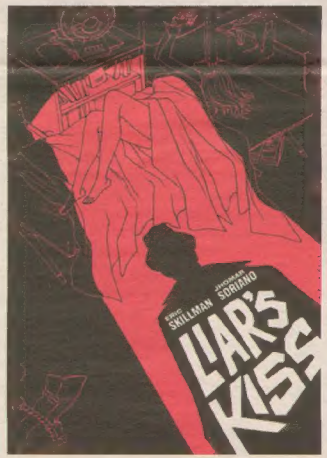
The Golden Age character created by *Gardner Fox & Sheldon Moldoff* returns in ***Moon Girl #1*** as she is forced back into action when fanatics use her as an inspiration for their own twisted brand of justice. (Apr-May)

Sea Lion

Eugenie Markham, a freelance shaman, suddenly findds herself the Otherworld's most popular bachelorette in ***Richelle Mead's Dark Swan #1,*** a series from the best-selling author of urban fantasy novels for adults and teens. (May)

Top Shelf

Jeffrey Brown offers another nostalgic tribute to the Transformers in ***Incredible Change-Bots Two.*** (Mar)



A detective's most lucrative client turns up dead, and his cheating wife is the prime suspect, in ***Liar's Kiss,*** an original graphic novel by *Eric Skillman & Jhomar Soriano.* (Apr)

Did Annah Billips invent an imaginary sister who is now missing, or did her mad scientist father extract part of her brin and transform it into a living twin? *Paul Tobin & Colleen Coover* answer that question in ***Gingerbread Girl,*** an original graphic novel. (May)

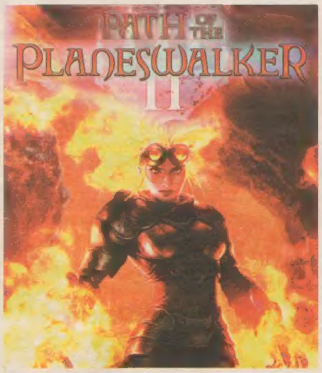
One of the world's foremost authorities on bacteriological and viral study find herself at the heart of a deadly conspiracy in ***The Homeland Directive,*** a graphic novel by *Robert Venditti & Mike Huddleston.* (May)

Villard

The late *Harvey Pekar's* final work chronicles his on-the-road encounters with a cross-section of characters, all of whom have their own stories to tell, in ***Huntington, West Virginia On the Fly.*** (Apr)

Viper

An unlikely group of heroes have to stop a scientist from releasing creatures from the Fantasy Dimension into our world in ***Missing Linx,*** a graphic novel by *Dale Martin & Courtney Huddleston.* (Apr)



Wizards of the Coast

WotC's ***Magic: The Gathering*** graphic novel line continues with ***Magic: The Gathering—Path of the Planeswalker Volume 2,*** collecting the popular web comic series. (May)

WW Norton

A young woman returns to the protection of her Old World Chinese parents in order to escape an abusive relationship in *Belle Yang's* ***Forget Sorrow: An Ancestral Tale.*** (May)

Zenescope

The Zenescope crossover event of the year begins in ***Grimm Fairy Tales: The Dream Eater Saga ,*** a tale that follows the threat of the Dream Eater as it stalks the heroes and villains of the Grimm Fairy Tales Universe. (May)

With his dying breath, an Indian shaman unleashes an ancient curse upon the miners of Brimstone in ***Brimstone,*** a dark Western horror tale. (May)